IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Brian J. Brown, Michael Davis, David Friesen,

Timothy J. Ley and Sean Skubitz

Application No.: 10/800572

Filed: March 15, 2004

For: Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent

Examiner: Vy Q Bui

Group Art Unit: 3773

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2010.

Docket No.: S63.2N-6769-US05

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated **September 27**,

If an extension of time is required to make this response timely and no separate petition is enclosed, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time sufficient to make the response timely. In the event that this response requires the payment of government fees and payment is not enclosed, please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Please amend the application as follows: